MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): To which answer does this supplementary question refers?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): My question is whether the Government are aware of the hardship to which the agriculturists of the Sooranad pakuthi, Kunnattur taluk, are put due to the silting up of the Anayadi river; and the answer given is "No.". I now ask the member whether the Minor Irrigation Committee have included this work also in the list of irrigation works recommended by them.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware of that.

Extent of registered lands in the Devicolam Division.

120. MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state the extent or area of the registered lands in the Devicolam Division?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The extent of lands registered in the Devicolam Division is 144,625 acres and 57½ cents.

Ganakas in the Medical Department.

121. MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons from the Ganaka community holding appointments in the Medical Department?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): One Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

Statement, by caste, of the officers, clerks and peons in the Revenue Department.

122. MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the different grades of officers, clerks and peons in the Revenue Department, with their number in each grade and post as existing on 15-8-1107;

(*b*) the castes to which they belong and their number in each caste, Christians being classified as Jacobites, Mar Thomites, Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Protestants; and

(*c*) the average monthly salary per head in each of those grades and posts?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The time and labour involved in the collection of the statistics is out of all proportion to their usefulness. The Government regret therefore that they cannot supply the information.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): May I know how much time would be required for preparing the statement asked for?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Land Revenue Commissioner reports that it would involve a great deal of extra work and time.

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MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): May I point out to the member that answering of interpellations always involves extra work?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): But the answer required by the member is so diverse and detailed that it was considered that the time and labour involved would be out of all proportion to the utility.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): According to the authority who has answered this question, may I know the time that would be required for preparing the statement asked for?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information about the time that may be required.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): May I take it then that the answer has been given without really ascertaining the time that may be required for preparing the statement asked for.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR: (*Secretary to Government*): The exact time that may be required was not ascertained.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): May I know again which part of my question would require longer time to answer?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That I cannot say.

Construction of the Cheruvalli-Ranni road.

123. **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have prepared an estimate and sanctioned any sum for the construction of the Cheruvalli-Ranni road;

(*b*) whether they have executed a portion of this work; and

(*c*) the reason for not opening the road by the construction of the remaining portion also?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The estimate has been prepared but not sanctioned yet.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise, in view of the answer to part (*b*).

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): ഈ എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് എന്നാണ് തയ്യാറാക്കിയത്?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): [illegible] ഡിസമ്പർ [illegible].

MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): അതായത് ൻ വർഷത്തിനുമുമ്പു തയ്യാറാക്കിയ എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് ഇതുവരെ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടില്ലെന്നാണൊ ഈമറുപടിയിൽനിന്നും ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടത്?

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